

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as shown below:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A data recording system, comprising:

a plurality of recording devices for recording data containing images and/or voice in a prescribed recording medium ,each of the recording devices directly recording data from outside the data recording system and playing back data to outside the data recording system; and

a recording objective determination device comprising at least a recording objective determination means for determining by a predetermined method, a specific one of said recording devices for recording the data among said plurality of recording devices, wherein

said recording objective determination means automatically decides which recording device should record among said plurality of recording devices by said predetermined method ;

at least one of said plurality of recording devices is a recording device recording the data on a removable recording medium mounted on the device, and at least another recording device of said plurality of recording devices is a recording device using a fixed type recording medium ; and

when said recording device for recording data, determined by said recording objective determination means is said recording device using a removable recording medium, and said recording objective determination device further comprises control means for causing data to be recorded on the fixed type recording medium of said recording device using the fixed type recording medium in the predetermined case.

Claim 2 (currently amended): A recording objective determination device, comprising at least:

recording objective determination means of determining by a predetermined method, a specific one of the recording devices for recording data among a plurality of recording devices each of which records data containing images and/or voice in a recording medium, each of the recording devices directly recording data from outside the data recording system and playing back data to outside the data recording system wherein

when the data is recorded, the data is recorded in said recording medium of said recording device determined by said recording objective determination means, and said recording objective determination means automatically decides which recording device should record among said plurality of recording devices by said predetermined method ;

at least one of said plurality of recording devices is a recording device recording the data on a removable recording medium mounted on the device, and at least another recording device of said plurality of recording devices is a recording device using a fixed type recording medium; and

when said recording device for recording data, determined by said recording objective determination means is said recording device using a removable recording medium, and

said recording objective determination device further comprises control means for causing data to be recorded on the fixed type recording medium of said recording device using the fixed type recording medium in the predetermined case.

Claim 3 (original): The recording objective determination device according to claim 2, wherein said predetermined method is to select any of said plurality of recording devices predetermined by a user.

Claim 4 (original): The recording objective determination device according to claim 3,
wherein

at least one of said plurality of recording devices is a recording device using a
removable recording medium of recording the data in a removable recording medium
mounted on the device; and

said recording device selected in advance by the user is said recording device using a
removable recording medium.

Claim 5 (previously presented) The recording objective determination device according to
claim 2, wherein

a mode is provided in which said user can optionally select a recording device for
recording the data; and

said recording objective determination device further comprising selection receipt
means of accepting a selection of the user as to which mode is to be selected, a mode in
which said recording objective determination means selects a recording device and a mode in
which the user optionally selects a recording device.

Claim 6 (currently amended): A recording objective determination device, comprising:

recording objective determination means of determining by a predetermined method,
a specific one of the recording devices for recording data among a plurality of recording
devices each of which records data containing images and/or voice in a recording medium,
each of the recording devices directly recording data from outside the data recording system
and playing back data to outside the data recording system;

wherein when the data is recorded, the data is recorded in said recording medium of
said recording device determined by said recording objective determination means, and

wherein said recording objective determination means automatically decides which recording device should record among said plurality of recording devices by said predetermined method;

wherein a mode is provided in which said user can optionally select a recording device for recording the data; and

wherein said recording objective determination device further comprising selection receipt means of accepting a selection of the user as to which mode is to be selected, a mode in which said recording objective determination means selects a recording device and a mode in which the user optionally selects a recording device.

~~The~~ the recording objective determination device according to claim 5, further comprising use frequency check means of checking a use frequency of each of said plurality of recording devices in the past,

wherein when said selection receipt means accepts the user selection of the mode in which said recording objective determination means determines a recording device, said recording objective determination means selects a recording device having a highest use frequency checked by said use frequency check means as a predetermined method.

Claim 7 (currently amended): A recording objective determination device, comprising at least:

recording objective determination means of determining by a predetermined method, a specific one of the recording devices for recording data among a plurality of recording devices each of which records data containing images and/or voice in a recording medium, each of the recording devices directly recording data from outside the data recording system and playing back data to outside the data recording system, wherein

when the data is recorded, the data is recorded in said recording medium of said recording device determined by said recording objective determination means,

said recording objective determination means automatically decides which recording device should record among said plurality of recording devices by said predetermined method. ~~The recording objective determination device according to claim 2,~~ wherein

at least one of said plurality of recording devices is a recording device using a removable recording medium of recording the data in a removable recording medium mounted on the device; and

said predetermined method refers to a method of selecting said recording device using a removable recording medium when said removable recording medium is mounted on said recording device using a removable recording medium.

Claim 8 (currently amended): The recording objective determination device according to ~~any one of claims 2 to 7~~ claim 2, wherein

when a remaining recording capacity of said recording medium in said recording device for recording objective determined by said recording objective determination means is equal to or smaller than a predetermined capacity, or when it is prohibited that data is newly recorded in said recording medium, said recording medium of said selected recording device for recording data does not record the data.

Claim 9 (cancelled)

Claim 10 (previously presented): A recording objective determination device according to claim 2 wherein the elements and functions described are encoded as computer readable code stored on a computer readable medium ~~having~~ as a program which when executed by a computer causes it to be configured and function as a said recording objective determination device, ~~comprising:~~

~~recording objective determination means for determining by a predetermined method, a specific one of a plurality of recording devices for recording data, each recording device being capable of recording data containing images and/or voice in a recording medium, each of the recording devices directly recording external data and playing back recorded data;~~

~~wherein when the data is recorded, the data is recorded in said recording medium of said recording device determined by said recording objective determination means, and said recording objective determination means automatically decides which recording device should record among said plurality of recording devices by said predetermined method.~~

Claim 11 (currently amended): The recording objective determination device according to claim ~~[[9]]~~ 2, wherein (1) after the removable recording medium is mounted on said recording device using a removable recording medium, or (2) after the removable recording medium having a predetermined amount of remaining recording capacity is mounted on said recording device using a removable recording medium, or (3) after the removable recording medium permitted to record new data is mounted on said recording device using a removable recording medium, the data recorded in the fixed type recording medium can be recorded in the removable recording medium.

Claim 12 (currently amended) The recording objective determination device according to claim ~~[[9]]~~ 2 wherein the predetermined case is that no recording medium is mounted on said recording device using a removable recording medium.

Claim 13. (currently amended) The recording objective determination device according to claim ~~[[9]]~~ 2 wherein the predetermined case is that a remaining recording capacity of the mounted removable recording medium is equal to or smaller than a predetermined capacity.

Claim 14. (currently amended) The recording objective determination device according to claim [[9]] 2 wherein the predetermined case is that it is prohibited that data is newly recorded in said mounted removable recording medium.

Claim 15. (New) The recording objective determination device according to claim 6, wherein said predetermined method is to select any of said plurality of recording devices predetermined by a user.

Claim 16. (New) The recording objective determination device according to claim 15, wherein

at least one of said plurality of recording devices is a recording device using a removable recording medium of recording the data in a removable recording medium mounted on the device; and

said recording device selected in advance by the user is said recording device using a removable recording medium.

Claim 17. (New) The recording objective determination device according to claim 6, wherein

a mode is provided in which said user can optionally select a recording device for recording the data; and

said recording objective determination device further comprising selection receipt means of accepting a selection of the user as to which mode is to be selected, a mode in which said recording objective determination means selects a recording device and a mode in which the user optionally selects a recording device.

Claim 18. (New) The recording objective determination device according to claim 6,
wherein

at least one of said plurality of recording devices is a recording device using a
removable recording medium of recording the data in a removable recording medium
mounted on the device; and

said predetermined method refers to a method of selecting said recording device using
a removable recording medium when said removable recording medium is mounted on said
recording device using a removable recording medium.

Claim 19. (New) The recording objective determination device according to claim 6,
wherein

when a remaining recording capacity of said recording medium in said recording
device for recording objective determined by said recording objective determination means is
equal to or smaller than a predetermined capacity, or when it is prohibited that data is newly
recorded in said recording medium, said recording medium of said selected recording device
for recording data does not record the data.

Claim 20. (New) The recording objective determination device according to claim 6,
wherein

at least one of said plurality of recording devices is a recording device recording the
data on a removable recording medium mounted on the device, and at least another recording
device of said plurality of recording devices is a recording device using a fixed type
recording medium; and

when said recording device for recording data, determined by said recording objective
determination means is said recording device using a removable recording medium, and

said recording objective determination device further comprises control means for causing data to be recorded on the fixed type recording medium of said recording device using the fixed type recording medium in the predetermined case.

Claim 21. (New) A recording objective determination device according to claim 6 wherein the elements and functions described are encoded as computer readable code stored on a computer readable medium as a program which when executed by a computer causes it to be configured and function as a said recording objective determination device.

Claim 22. (New) The recording objective determination device according to claim 20, wherein (1) after the removable recording medium is mounted on said recording device using a removable recording medium, or (2) after the removable recording medium having a predetermined amount of remaining recording capacity is mounted on said recording device using a removable recording medium, or (3) after the removable recording medium permitted to record new data is mounted on said recording device using a removable recording medium, the data recorded in the fixed type recording medium can be recorded in the removable recording medium.

Claim 23. (New) The recording objective determination device according to claim 20 wherein the predetermined case is that no recording medium is mounted on said recording device using a removable recording medium.

Claim 24. (New) The recording objective determination device according to claim 20 wherein the predetermined case is that a remaining recording capacity of the mounted removable recording medium is equal to or smaller than a predetermined capacity.

Claim 25. (New) The recording objective determination device according to claim 20 wherein the predetermined case is that it is prohibited that data is newly recorded in said mounted removable recording medium.

Claim 26. (New) The recording objective determination device according to claim 7, wherein said predetermined method is to select any of said plurality of recording devices predetermined by a user.

Claim 27. (New) The recording objective determination device according to claim 26, wherein

at least one of said plurality of recording devices is a recording device using a removable recording medium of recording the data in a removable recording medium mounted on the device; and

said recording device selected in advance by the user is said recording device using a removable recording medium.

Claim 28. (New) The recording objective determination device according to claim 7, wherein

a mode is provided in which said user can optionally select a recording device for recording the data; and

said recording objective determination device further comprising selection receipt means of accepting a selection of the user as to which mode is to be selected, a mode in which said recording objective determination means selects a recording device and a mode in which the user optionally selects a recording device.

Claim 29. (New) The recording objective determination device according to claim 7,
wherein

at least one of said plurality of recording devices is a recording device using a
removable recording medium of recording the data in a removable recording medium
mounted on the device; and

said predetermined method refers to a method of selecting said recording device using
a removable recording medium when said removable recording medium is mounted on said
recording device using a removable recording medium.

Claim 30. (New) The recording objective determination device according to claim 7,
wherein

when a remaining recording capacity of said recording medium in said recording
device for recording objective determined by said recording objective determination means is
equal to or smaller than a predetermined capacity, or when it is prohibited that data is newly
recorded in said recording medium, said recording medium of said selected recording device
for recording data does not record the data.

Claim 31. (New) The recording objective determination device according to claim 7,
wherein

at least one of said plurality of recording devices is a recording device recording the
data on a removable recording medium mounted on the device, and at least another recording
device of said plurality of recording devices is a recording device using a fixed type
recording medium; and

when said recording device for recording data, determined by said recording objective
determination means is said recording device using a removable recording medium, and

said recording objective determination device further comprises control means for causing data to be recorded on the fixed type recording medium of said recording device using the fixed type recording medium in the predetermined case.

Claim 32. (New) A recording objective determination device according to claim 7 wherein the elements and functions described are encoded as computer readable code stored on a computer readable medium as a program which when executed by a computer causes it to be configured and function as a said recording objective determination device.

Claim 33. (New) The recording objective determination device according to claim 31, wherein (1) after the removable recording medium is mounted on said recording device using a removable recording medium, or (2) after the removable recording medium having a predetermined amount of remaining recording capacity is mounted on said recording device using a removable recording medium, or (3) after the removable recording medium permitted to record new data is mounted on said recording device using a removable recording medium, the data recorded in the fixed type recording medium can be recorded in the removable recording medium.

Claim 34. (New) The recording objective determination device according to claim 31 wherein the predetermined case is that no recording medium is mounted on said recording device using a removable recording medium.

Claim 35. (New) The recording objective determination device according to claim 31 wherein the predetermined case is that a remaining recording capacity of the mounted removable recording medium is equal to or smaller than a predetermined capacity.

Claim 36. (New) The recording objective determination device according to claim 31 wherein the predetermined case is that it is prohibited that data is newly recorded in said mounted removable recording medium.